<u>In the Claims</u>:

Please cancel claims 1 and 11-24, without prejudice, amend claims 2-10, and add new claims 25 as follows:

1.   (Cancelled)

2.   (Currently amended) The ~~data center~~<u>communication system</u> according to claim ~~1~~<u>25</u>, wherein said client terminal is a portable information terminal and said communication link is a radio link.

3.   (Currently amended) The ~~data center~~<u>communication system</u> according to claim ~~1~~<u>25, further comprising a signal transmission control means for controlling said signal transmission means; and</u>

wherein said<u> signal transmission</u> control means stops the ~~signal~~transmission<u> of the second link request</u> by said signal transmission means if the transmission by said data transmission means results in an error.

4.   (Currently amended) The ~~data center~~<u>communication system</u> according to claim 3, wherein said<u> signal transmission</u> control means causes the ~~signal~~transmission<u> of the second link request</u> by said signal transmission means to be resumed if the data transmission performed by said data transmission ~~means~~<u>means,</u> after the ~~signal~~transmission

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of the second link request by said signal transmission means is ~~stopped~~stopped, ~~succeed~~succeeds.

5.   (Currently amended) The ~~data center~~communication system according to claim ~~1~~25, wherein ~~the~~a sender telephone number of said data transmission means and ~~the~~a sender telephone number of said signal transmission means are different from each other so that, when ~~an incoming receipt occurs~~a link request arrives at said client terminal, ~~it~~ client terminal can ~~be determined~~determine whether the ~~receipt~~link request is the ~~receipt of data sent~~first link request from said data transmission means or the ~~receipt of a signal sent~~second link request from said signal transmission means.

6.   (Currently amended) The ~~data center~~communication system according to claim ~~1~~25, wherein a transmission frequency used by said signal transmission means and a transmission frequency used by said data transmission means are different from each other so that, when ~~receipt occurs~~a link request arrives at said client terminal, ~~it~~the client terminal can ~~be determined~~determine whether the ~~receipt~~link request is the ~~receipt of data sent~~first link request from said data transmission means or the ~~receipt of a signal sent~~second link request from said signal transmission means.

7.   (Currently amended) The ~~data center~~communication system according to claim ~~1~~25, wherein the ~~signal~~second link request sent by said signal transmission means is

sent as a sound wave so that, when ~~receipt occurs~~a link request arrives at said client terminal, ~~it~~the client terminal can ~~be determined~~determine whether the ~~receipt~~link request is the ~~receipt of data sent~~first link request from said data transmission means or the ~~receipt of a signal sent~~second link request from said signal transmission means.

8.   (Currently amended) The ~~data center~~communication system according to claim ~~1~~25, wherein the ~~signal~~second link request sent by said signal transmission means is sent as infrared so that, when ~~receipt occurs~~a link request arrives at said client terminal, ~~it~~the client terminal can ~~be determined~~determine whether the ~~receipt~~link request is the ~~receipt of data sent~~first link request from said data transmission means or the ~~receipt of a signal sent~~second link request from said signal transmission means.

9.   (Currently amended) The ~~data center~~communication system according to claim ~~1~~25, wherein, when ~~said data transmission means received a send request from~~the client terminal accepts the first link request, said client terminal sends a send request to said data transmission means, and said data transmission means sends data to said client terminal based on said send request.

10.   (Currently amended) The ~~data center~~communication system according to claim ~~1~~25, further comprising a timing setting means for setting said predetermined timing.

11-24. (Cancelled)

25.   (New) A communication system having a client terminal, a server and a communication link, the communication link passing link requests from the server to the client terminal without charging communication costs, the communication link charging communication costs for links which are established between the client terminal and the server, the communication system keeping indenticalness between data in the client terminal and data in the server through the communication link, the communication system comprising:

data transmission means for sending data from the server to the client terminal through the communication link, when the client terminal accepts a first link request;

signal transmission means for sending a second link request from the server to the client terminal informing the client terminal of the status of the data in the server at a predetermined timing, the second link request being sent from the server to the client terminal through the communication link;

receipt type determination means for determining whether a link request is transmitted from the data transmission means or the signal transmission means; and

connection control means for establishing a link and accepting data sent by the data transmission means in the client terminal, but not establishing a link in response to the second link request sent by the signal transmission means,

whereby the status of identicalness between the data in the client terminal and

the data in the server is monitored in the client terminal without incurring communication

costs.